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Cadiz, Auguſt 5. N. S.

THE 21th of the laſt month arrived here the *Martha* Galley, Capt. *Joſeph Bags*, from the Iſland of *St. Thomas* on the Coaſt of *Guinea*; and the *Revenge* Galley, Capt. *Andrew Haux* from the *Streights*. Yeſterday arrived in this Port the *Plimouth*, *Severn*, and *Angleſey*, Men of War, in 8 days from *Plimouth*, having left the *Medway* (who came out with them) 3 days ago in chaſe of a French Ship off the *Burlinges*; and this day the *Medway* is likewiſe arrived, and has brought in two ſmall Prizes. Capt. *Warren* in the *Windſor* went a cruiſing the firſt Inſtant, and on the 3d took off Cape *Sparzell* a French Ship of 20 Guns, bound from *Lisbon* to *Marſeilles*, laden with Sugar and Tobacco, and carried her to *Gibraltar*.

Madrid, Auguſt 7. On the 31th of the laſt month Don *Juan de Larea* was removed from his place of Secretary of State for the Univerſal Diſpatch, and Don *Lopez de Carrate* Marquis *de Villa Nueva* was appointed his Succeſſor; and other Changes are ſhortly expected at this Court; where the Cardinal *de Toledo* has at preſent the greateſt ſhare in the diſpatch of the publick Affairs. Count *Harach*, the Emperor's Ambaſſador, made his publick Entry here on the 2d Inſtant; and has ſince had Audience of their Catholick Majeſties. Letters from *Barcelona* of the 2d Inſtant tell us, the Enemy had fortified themſelves on the Baſtions of the *New-Gate*, and that of *St. Peter*, and that the Spaniards ſtill maintained themſelves on part of the ſaid Baſtions; Since the beginning of the Siege the French have fired above 15000 Bombes into the Town; 'Tis confirmed by the laſt Letters, that the Enemy had 4000 Men killed and wounded in the ſeveral Attacks they made between the 22d and 25th of the laſt month, and that they have loſt at leaſt one half of the Army they brought before that place at firſt; But they have received ſeveral Reinforcements from *Provence* and *Rouſſillon*. We are told an Expreſs was diſpatched from this Court ſome days ago to the Governor of *Barcelona*, with Orders to Capitulate, ſince the place in all likelihood will be ſoon reſtored, a Peace being very much talked of here.

Corunna, Aug. 23. N. S. This week arrived here an Expreſs from *Madrid* with the News, that the Town of *Barcelona*, after a brave defence, had capitulated, and was ſurrendred to the French upon very Honourable Conditions. Yeſterday came in the *Spaniſh-Expedition* Packet Boat from *Falmouth* with a Prize, laden with Sugar and Tobacco from the *Weſt-Indies*, which the ſaid Packet Boat took off Cape *Ortegal*. The Letters from *O-Porto* of the 10th Inſtant ſay, 6 Portugueſe Ships were arrived there from *Braſil*, who reported, that a Ship of about 40 Guns coming with a Prize they had taken, into the Port of *Parnambuco*, were ſeized there for Pyrates.

Dublin, Aug. 17. On the 12th the Houſe of Commons gave Leave to bring in Heads of a Bill to prevent the Irregularities in Sheriffs executing Executions, and to aſcertain what Fees ſhall be paid them. A Committee was appointed to prepare and bring in Heads of a Supplemental Bill for ſaving and reſerving to all Proteſtants, who were Proteſtants on the 10th day of *April* 89, and their Proteſtant Heirs (not guilty of Treaſon againſt His Majeſty and the late Queen, or either of them) ſuch Rights and Intereſts in Law or Equity as they had at or before the - - - day of - - - - which may any wiſe be affected by a Bill Intituled, *An Act for Confirming ſeveral Outlawries and Attainders, and alſo for Veſting in His Majeſty the Eſtates of thoſe that are dead in Rebellion here, or in Foreign Parts*; Provided the ſame be not in Truſt for the Uſe or Benefit of any Papiſt; and that it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee to inſert a Clauſe to impoſe a Penalty on any Proteſtant or others, who ſhall cover a Papiſts Eſtate from forfeiture; and that no Plea or Demurrer be allowed to any Bill that ſhall be preſented againſt any Perſon to make Diſcovery, but they ſhall Anſwer upon Oath directly to every ſuch Bill.

The 13th the Houſe reſolved unanimouſly, that an Addreſs be made to the Lords-Juſtices, That no Proteſtant may receive prejudice in his Eſtate, Intereſt, or Property, by a Bill Intituled, *An Act for Confirming ſeveral Outlawries, &c.* and that a Bill be drawn, and tranſmitted on the Heads of a Bill preſented to their Lordſhips for that purpoſe, and that they will effectually Recommend to His Majeſty that the ſame may paſs. The *Act for Confirming ſeveral Outlawries, Attainders, &c.* was read the third time, paſſed, and ordered to be carried to the Lords for their Concurrence. The Houſe went into a Committee of the whole Houſe to conſider of the Supply, and after ſome time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and the ſaid Committee is to ſit again to morrow.

The 14th Leave was given to bring in Heads of Bills to ſettle the Intereſt of Money at 8 *per Cent.* and for Encouragement and Encreaſe of Proteſtant Seamen in this Kingdom, and for Regulating Butter Caſk. The Houſe went into a Committee of the whole Houſe to Conſider further of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply, and reſolved on a Poll Tax of Two Shillings a Head towards the ſaid Supply; The ſaid Committee is appointed to ſit again on Tueſday next.

The 16th Report was made from the Committee appointed to conſider of the Abuſes in Coyning, Counterfeiting, and Importing Half-pence, that they had come to a Reſolution, which was read and recommitted. An Engroſt Bill to prevent Proteſtants from Intermarrying with Papiſts, was read a third time, and paſſed, and ordered to be ſent up to the Lords. Report was made from the Committee of Laws, that they had prepared Heads of a Bill to prevent Charge and Expence in Election of Members to ſerve in Parliament, and for Regulating Elections, and to prevent Irregular Proceedings of Sheriffs and other Officers in Returning